

Public Informational Meeting Comment Form

Upper Sand Hill River Watershed

NRCS Watershed Plan

August 16, 2017

Background

The Sand Hill River Watershed District (SHRWD) secured funding through the Red River Retention Authority for Watershed Planning under the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The RCPP funding was made available for watershed planning in the Upper Sand Hill River Watershed and it is required to follow Public Law 83-566 requirements.

The Watershed Planning must also comply with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) requirements. Tasks required for the NRCS Watershed Plan generally include: Identifying a Purpose and Need, Developing an Environmental Assessment, Identifying the Affected Environment (resource problems), Developing Alternatives, Identifying Environmental Consequences of the alternatives, determining a Preferred Alternative, and creating an overall Watershed Plan. Public participation will be a vital component throughout the entire planning process, beginning with this public meeting.

Purpose of Today's Meeting

The initial step in NRCS Watershed Planning is to allow for input from all interested parties including federal, state, and local agencies and other interested groups or persons. Initial input will be focused on resource concerns in and adjacent to the Upper Sand Hill River Watershed. In order to gather input on resource concerns, we would request that the attached comment form be completed and provided to the SHRWD.

Identified Resource Concerns:

- **Agricultural Flood Damages** (delayed planting, prevented planting, crop flood inundation, field erosion/deposition, floodplain management, etc.)
- **Structural Flood Damages** (rural residents, road damages, culvert/bridge damages, community impacts, grain storage bins, warehouses, floodplain management, etc.)
- **Water Quality** (surface water quality, ground water quality, etc.)
- **Soil Health** (Field erosion/deposition, productivity, sustainability, organic matter content, etc.)
- **Wildlife and Habitat** (Fish and wildlife, wetlands, endangered and threatened species, invasive species, migratory birds, forest resources, riparian areas, etc.)
- **Recreation** (Fishing & hunting, public access, state and federally managed lands, etc.)
- **Societal Concerns** (Historic & cultural resources, tribal resources, public health & safety, etc.)
- **Other**

Please fill out the following information based on your priorities for the Upper Sand Hill River Watershed. Comment forms will be accepted for all forms postmarked on or before **September 18, 2017**. Completed comment forms can be mailed to the SHRWD office at:

Sand Hill River Watershed District
PO Box 584
Fertile, MN 56540

Or via email to shrwd@gvtel.com

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Affiliation: _____
(agency, resident, commissioner, mayor, etc...)

Circle the most appropriate ranking for each concern listed below. Refer to the KEY for definitions of each ranking. Concerns where the degree of concern is not indicated will be considered a zero value (No Concern or Not Relevant). Please elaborate on concerns in the Additional Comments section.

KEY: **0 = No Concern or Not Relevant** **1 = Minimal Concern** **2 = Minor Concern**
 3 = Moderate Concern **4 = Significant Concern** **5 = High Concern**

Concerns in the Upper Sand Hill River Watershed:

No Concern

High Concern

- Agricultural Flood Damages.....0 1 2 3 4 5
- Structural Flood Damages.....0 1 2 3 4 5
- Water Quality.....0 1 2 3 4 5
- Soil Health.....0 1 2 3 4 5
- Wildlife and Habitat.....0 1 2 3 4 5
- Recreation.....0 1 2 3 4 5
- Societal Concerns.....0 1 2 3 4 5
- Other (1).....0 1 2 3 4 5
- Other (2).....0 1 2 3 4 5
- Other (3).....0 1 2 3 4 5

Additional Comments: _____

*****PLEASE LOCATE AND LABEL IDENTIFIED CONCERNS ON THE ATTACHED MAP (IF APPLICABLE)*****

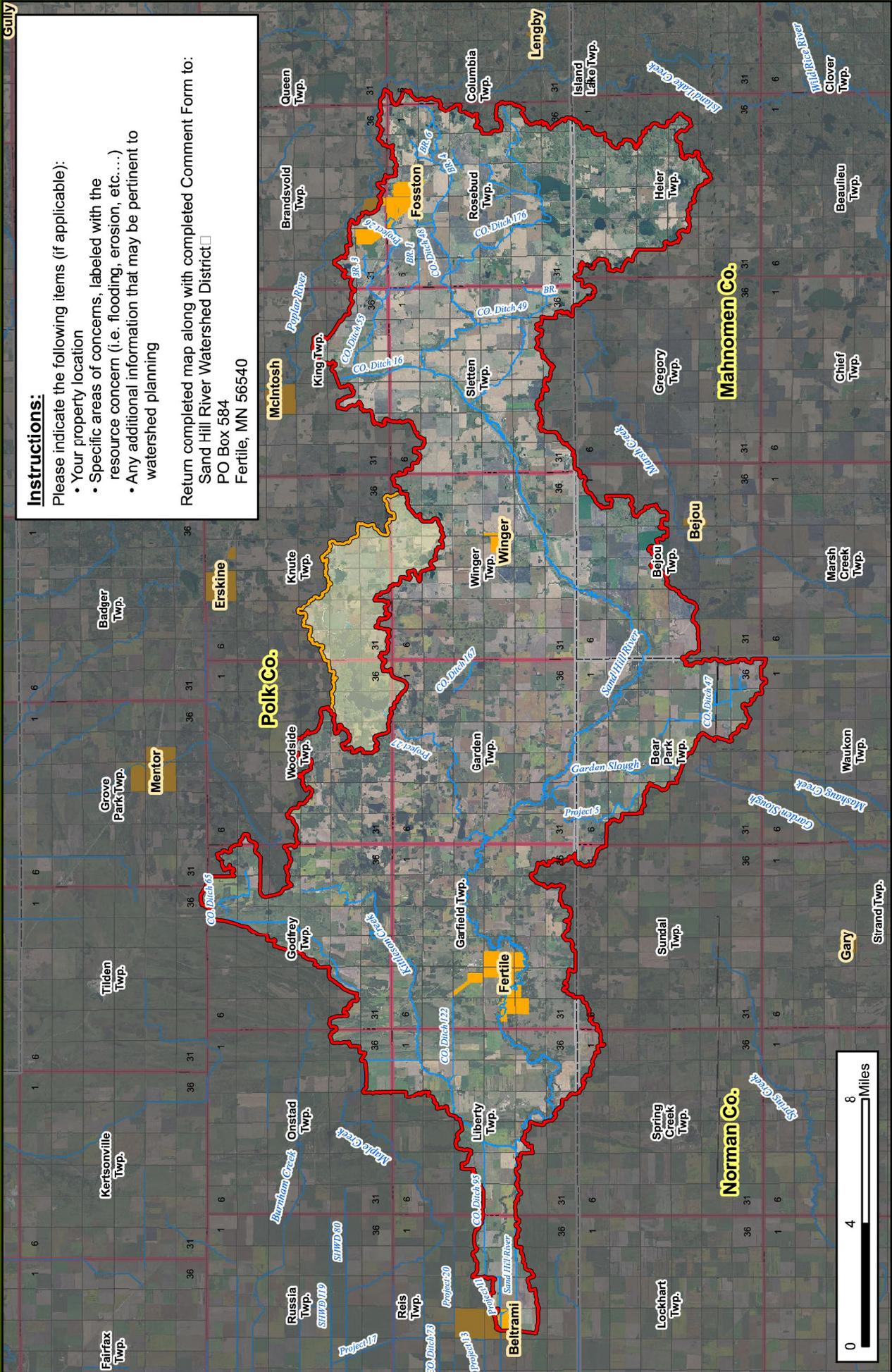
Instructions:

Please indicate the following items (if applicable):

- Your property location
- Specific areas of concerns, labeled with the resource concern (i.e. flooding, erosion, etc....)
- Any additional information that may be pertinent to watershed planning

Return completed map along with completed Comment Form to:

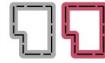
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Watershed Planning Extents
 Sarah/Union Lakes Watershed



County Boundary
 Township Boundary



City Limits



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